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H. RES. 1057

Commemorating the 25th anniversary of President Ronald Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative speech.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 14, 2008

Mr. LAMBORN (for himself, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. GOODE, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mrs. DRAKE, Mr. KLINE of Minnesota, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. KINGSTON, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

RESOLUTION

Commemorating the 25th anniversary of President Ronald Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative speech.

Whereas on March 23, 1983, President Ronald Reagan delivered a speech regarding the nuclear and ballistic missile threat posed by the Soviet Union and proposed the development of new technology to counter this threat;

Whereas March 23, 2008, marks the 25th anniversary of this landmark speech;

Whereas President Reagan believed our security is based on being prepared to meet all threats;

Whereas President Reagan envisioned a defensive, non-nuclear capability to intercept and destroy strategic nuclear missiles before they reached the United States or our allies;

Whereas President Reagan envisioned these defenses to significantly reduce any incentive that an adversary may have to threaten attack against the United States or our allies;

Whereas the goal of this speech has been realized through efforts of dedicated Americans, who have been instrumental in developing the ballistic missile defense technologies and systems that protect the Nation;

Whereas the capability of the Nation's missile defenses was successfully put on alert in response to the July 2006 North Korean missile launches and was successfully demonstrated on February 21, 2008, when a Standard Missile-3 rocket fired from the USS Lake Erie intercepted a disabled National Reconnaissance Office satellite;

Whereas ballistic missile defense technology continues to be developed, tested, and operationally deployed by the United States and our allies and friends;

Whereas the Missile Defense Agency and the Armed Forces of the United States stand ever vigilant to counter foreign aggression;

Whereas the United States ballistic missile defense system may deter and devalue the missiles of those who would threaten the peace and security of America and our allies and friends; and

Whereas the integrated ballistic missile defense system is a key portion of our national defense: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) recognizes the unique vision and tireless ef-
2 forts of President Ronald Reagan to promote peace
3 and security; and

4 (2) commemorates the 25th anniversary of
5 President Ronald Reagan's speech on the Strategic
6 Defense Initiative.

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